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CINCPAC FOR SECDEL, HONG KONG FOR A/S SHATTUCK
PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR A/S LORD

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REF: (A) STATE 55989, (B) BEIJING 6708, (C) BEIJING 6705,
(D) SHANGHAI 1491

1. ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN OVER
REPORTS OF RECENT DETENTION OF WEI JINGSHENG AND OTHERS IN
RECENT DAYS IN A MARCH 5 PHONE CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT
FOREIGN MINISTER QIN HUASUN. QIN SAID WEI HAD NOT BEEN
DETAINED OR ARRESTED BUT WAS "SUMMONED FOR QUESTIONING"
UNDER THE TERMS OF HIS PAROLE. THE EMBASSY LATER LEARNED
EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 5 THAT WEI HAS BEEN
RELEASED. QIN AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE REPORTED DETENTION
OR WARNINGS TO ACTIVISTS IN SHANGHAI. END SUMMARY.

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3. THE AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER QIN HUASUN ON MARCH 5th TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT THE REPORTS THAT WEI JINGSHENG AND OTHERS HAD BEEN DETAINED.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS MARCH 4 MEETING WITH QIN (REF B) THE EMBASSY HAD LEARNED THAT WEI JINGSHENG HAD ALSO BEEN DETAINED (REF C). WE ALSO HAD RECEIVED A REPORT THAT SEVEN PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN SHANGHAI HAD BEEN DETAINED OR WARNED BY THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN SHANGHAI (REF D). HE PROVIDED THE NAMES TO QIN.

THE AMBASSADOR ASKED QIN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT WOULD CLARIFY THE

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SITUATION OF WEI AND THE OTHERS. HE NOTED THAT THE REPORTED DETENTIONS, IF CONFIRMED, WERE MOST UNFORTUNATE AND THAT THESE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE DETAINED FOR EXPRESSING THEIR OPINIONS. PRESIDENT CLINTON AND SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HAD EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THESE REPORTS.

7. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY MEANINGFUL

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DISTINCTION BETWEEN DETENTION AND BEING SUMMONED FOR
QUESTIONING. IF WEI WAS BEING BROUGHT IN FOR QUESTIONING,
HOW LONG WOULD IT BE BEFORE HE WAS RELEASED? (

8. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THAT THE SECRETARY'S
IMPENDING VISIT MEANT THERE WAS EVEN MORE ATTENTION TO
CHINA THAN USUAL, AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO
RECEIVE RELIABLE INFORMATION FROM THE CHINESE SIDE.

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WEI JINGSHENG RELEASED

9. EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 5, THE EMBASSY LEARNED,
THAT WEI JINGSHENG
HAD BEEN RELEASED.

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